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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM

SUBJECT: FSLN ATTACKS IN NICARAGUA

FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN

1. DURING EARLY HOURS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 FSLN GUERRILLAS
ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH NICARAGUAN NATIONAL GUARD AT
TWO LOCATIONS. ONE CLASH OCCURRED IN SOUTHERN TOWN OF
SAN CARLOS NEAR BORDER WITH COSTA RICA. ACCORDING TO
REPORTS FROM OUR EMBASSY AT SAN JOSE, COSTA RICAN
OFFICIALS BELIEVE ATTACK LAUNCHED FROM COSTA RICA.
GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY SEIZED AND HELD TOWN BRIEFLY.
AFTER INTENSE FIGHT, NATIONAL GUARD SUCCEEDED IN
ROUTING ATTACKERS SOME OF WHOM ESCAPED TO COSTA RICA
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WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. AN UNSPECIFIED
NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED RESULTED. COSTA RICA HAS
REPORTEDLY CLOSED ITS BORDERS TO TRAFFIC PROCEEDING
TO NICARAGUA.

2. SMALLER SKIRMISH OCCURRED IN NORTHERN TOWN OF
OCOTAL NEAR BORDER WITH HONDURAS. INITIAL REPORTS

INDICATE THAT SIX SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE CLASH.
A NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTEDLY FLEEING TOWARD
THE BORDER.

3. TENSION ALONG NICARAGUAN/COSTA RICAN FRONTIER WAS
HEIGHTENED FRIDAY MORNING WHEN LAUNCH IN WHICH COSTA RICAN
SECURITY MINISTER CHARPENTIER AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS
WERE TRAVELLING WAS FIRED ON BY NICARAGUAN AIRCRAFT.
FORTUNATELY NO INJURIES RESULTED.

4. NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED EMERGENCY
SESSION OF OAS COUNCIL FOR 3 P.M., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.
ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SPECIFIED SUBJECT TO BE DIS-
CUSSED, WE BELIEVE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITIES ARE
REASON FOR THE REQUESTED MEETING.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED AMEMBASSIES MANAGUA
AND SAN JOSE TO RELAY USG'S INTEREST IN MAINTENANCE OF
PEACE AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION TO HOST
GOVERNMENTS. VANCE

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